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" W. H. Shaw,.....Littleton, "

Rev. R. I. Walden,....Garysburg, N. C.
Bro. W. H. Harrison, ...Weldon, "
" C. W. Ivey, ...Weldon, "
" C. Faison,.....Garysburg, "
" Phil Garris,.....Garysburg, "
" William Person, Garysburg, "

NAMES OF MESSENGERS SENT TO THE ASSOCIATION.

Roanoke Salem,.....Tim Person.
Zion Hill,.....
Gaston Baptist,.....A. N. Buck.
Branches Chapel, E. Smith, A. Odam
Cedar Grove,.....
Shiloh Baptist, ... Anthony Taylor.
Wesley Chapel, ...
St. Peters,.....
Gallilee,.....
Bethlehem,.....W. C. Coats.
Jerusalem, ...
Caledonia, ...
Piney Grove,.....
Tillery Chapel,.....
Mount Zion Baptist,.....
New Hope,.....
Shiloh,.....
Morning Star, ...
New Hope, ...
Barnes Chapel,.....
Hook's Grove,.....
Olive Branch.....
1st. Baptist, Rocky Mount,.....
Bess Grove,.....
New Bethel,.....
Antioch.....B. J. Williams.
Hudson Hill,.....
St. Paul,.....
St. John,.....
Pittman Grove,.....
1st. Baptist, Goldsboro. .....
Oak Grove, ...

Daniel's Chapel,.....
1st. Baptist, Weldon .....
Salem Chapel,.....
Little Zion, ...By Letter
Bear Swamp,.....
Bethlehem, ...
1st Baptist, Halifax, ...
...M. W. Williams, Wash Johnson.
White Oak Chapel, ...
Springfield,.....
St. Shiloh,.....
Zion Hill, ...
Hart's Chapel,.....
Roanoke Chapel, ...C. Faison.
1st. Baptist, Toisnot,.....
Parker's Chapel,.....Nelson Roberson.
Carter's Chapel, ...
St. James,.....
St. Luke,.....
Peterson Grove, ...
Red Hill,.....
St. Mark, ...
St. Stephen,.....
Holly Grove,.....
Cedar Creek,.....
Twilight Chapel,.....
1st. Baptist, Crowell's X Roads,.....
Jordan Hill,.....
Mount Zion,.....
Ebenezer, ...
Cedar Grove,.....
Pleasant Hill, ...

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

President, Rev. W. R Mason, sang hymn 835 and read 118 Psalm. Prayer was offered by the Vice-President, Rev. W. H. Shaw. The address of welcome was delivered by Elder A. B. Williams, which was responded to by the President. After which the President announced that the Association was open for the transaction of business. On motion, a committee was appointed to confer with the Superintendent of the W. & W. R. R. Co. to see if reduced rates could be obtained for the benefit of those having to pass over the road of said Company to attend the Association and to return home.

A committee on hours of meeting and adjourning was appointed, consisting of the following brethren: Rev. A. B. Williams, brothers Baalim Parks and D. D. Irwin. The Association adjourned, to meet at 2 P. M., with prayer by Rev. A. N. Buck.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, President in the chair. Rev. G. L. Stith read 1st Psalm. Rev. Hal Anderton, being assisted by the Association, sang hymn 835. On motion, the following committees were appointed, consisting of the following brethren, as follows: on Finance and Letters—W. H. Harrison, Edward Gray, Simon Hicks, William Person, C. Faison, Phil Garris; on Resolutions—W. C. Coats, G. L. Stith, Jackson Daniel, C. W. Ivey, B. C. Carr; on Temperance—R. I. Walden, A. N. Buck, G. W. Nicholson, Joseph Baysmore, H. L Barco; on Grievance—J. W. Dew, Miland Brown, Peter Branch, M. W. Williams, Wm. Johnson; on Sunday Schools—J. H. Brewer, Esau Tillery, S. L. Barnes, O. B. Alston, H. G. Foster and Robt. Whitaker; on Education—Guy Powell, Charles Grant, Henry Drake, Wash. Johnson, General Dickens. Rev. A. F. Moore of the A. M. E. Z. Church was invited to take part in the deliberations of the Association, which was

accepted in a brief, but appropriate speech. He said that he "would have been glad had the Baptist sisters and brethren of Goldsboro solicited the aid of the Methodist sisters and brethren in caring for the delegation, that the Methodists had good bread and chicken." On motion, Cool Spring, an old church, was received in the Association. The committee on hours of meeting and adjourning reported as follows: meet at 9 A. M. adjourn at 12 M; meet at 2 P. M. adjourn at 5 P. M.; meet at 8 P. M. adjourn at pleasure. The report was adopted and the committee was discharged. On motion, brother A. J. Jackson was restored to his former position of minister of the gospel. Brother F. W. Wilkins was also restored. The Association adjourned at the appointed time with prayer by Rev. J. H. Brewer.

EVENING SERVICE.

The Association sang hymn 334· Rev. Joseph Baysmore read the 24th chapt. of the Book of Job. Prayer was offered by Rev. Geo. W. Nicholson. Rev. Joseph Baysmore preached from the 41 chapt. of Job 19th & 20th verses. The sermon was enjoyed by all. A collection was taken to the amount of $6.30. The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. O. B. Alston.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 1886.

The Vice President called the Association to order. Hymn 595 was lined and sung. Prayer was offered by Rev. Simon Hicks. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved. On motion of Rev. H. L. Barco, a committee was appointed to take under consideration the trouble between the Castalia Church and Rev. J. T. Scott, consisting of the following brethren: C. B. Gibbs, A. W. Ivey and G. L. Stith. On motion, the letter recommending Rev. Guy Powell as corresponding delegate from Bethany Baptist Association of Virginia to the Association (Neuse River) was read. On motion of Rev. R. I. Walden the Association agreed to allow Revs. Guy Powell and H. L Barco to deliver their addresses at 8 P M. i. e., their addresses were made a special order for 8 P. M. On motion of Rev. G. H. White, Oak Grove Baptist Church was received in the Association. On motion of Rev. J. B. Alston, Twilight Baptist Church was received in the Association. On motion, the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. I. Walden.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Vice-President in the chair. Rev. Guy Powell lined hymn 704 which was sung by the Association. Rev. S. G. Alston read 10th chapt. of the Romans to 13th verse. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. B. Gibbs. Minutes of the morning session were read and approved. On motion of brother A. T. Thomas. the 2nd Baptist Church of Rocky Mount was received in the Association. On motion of Rev. W. R. Shaw. St. Luke Church was received in the Association, and also Peterson Grove Church. On motion of Rev. A. N. Buck, the resolution offered by Rev. R. I. Walden was adopted. (See resolution.) On motion it was agreed that the resolution offered by Rev. H. L. Barco should be taken up by sections. On motion of Rev. R. I. Walden, offered as a substitute to the whole to adopt the above resolution by sections it was referred to the committee on resolutions. The resolution offered by the committee on Temperance was adopted and the committee discharged. (See resolution.) The Committee on Education reported in the form of a resolution. The resolution was adopted and the committee was discharged. (See resolution.) The resolution offered by Rev. Guy Powell was received and adopted. (See resolution.) The 2nd resolution offered by Rev. H. L. Barco was adopted, see resolution. On motion of Rev. R I Walden the name of brother I. R. Smith was dropped from the list of licentiate Ministers. On motion of Rev Geo. W. Nicholson the name of L. Robinson is hereby dropped from the list of licentiate ministers. The following Elders were appointed an Ordaining Committee: Revs. A. B. Williams, John W. Dew, R. I. Walden, Sandy Fenner, Jeseph Baysmore, G. H. White, A. J. Edwards, H. L. Barco, Guy Powell and Geo. W. Nicholson On motion, the 3d resolution offered by Rev. H. L. Barco was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. On motion Rev. W. R. Mason was appointed as a delegate to the Baptist State Convention of Virginia. On motion Rev. R. I. Walden was appointed as a corresponding delegate to Bethany Association of Virginia. On motion Rev. G. H. White was appointed as a delegate to meet with the Norfolk Union Baptist Association. On motion, the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. N. Buck.

EVENING EXERCISES.

Rev. H. G. Foster, being assisted by the Association, sang hymn 363. Bro. Nathan Merritt read 6 Chapt. of the Acts. After which Revs. Guy Powell and H. L. Barco delivered their addresses. Rev. Guy Powell expressed a very ardent desire on

the part of Bethany Baptist Association of Virginia, to have a full and clear understanding with this, the Neuse River Association, so as to be able to protect the pulpits of the two Associations against imposters passing through the States of Virginia and North Carolina. Rev. H. L. Barco spoke mainly of the importance of supporting good schools among us, and of the progress of the denomination in the state of Virginia. The remarks of the two brethren were well taken. On motion of Rev. W. R. Shaw, the report of the Board of Trustees of the proposed High School was made a special order for Thursday at 9:30 A. M. On motion, the petition from Shiloh Baptist Church was received for consideration. On motion of Bro. A. P. Robinson, the Association agreed to give Shiloh Baptist Church fifteen dollars conditionally, which condition is, that, if the said Church shall raise the money to discharge all of its indebtedness to fifteen dollars, then the fifteen dollars shall be given. On motion, the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. Hal Anderton.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION:

Thursday, Sept. 30, 1886.

President in the Chair. Hymn 714 was lined and sung. Rev. B. K. Sykes read the 20 Psalm. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. G Foster. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved. The Trustees of the proposed High School at Weldon made a verbal report. On motion, the report was approved. On motion of Bro. C. W. Ivey, the Association agreed to give to the Trustees of the said proposed High School one hundred and twenty-five dollars. ($125.00), to purchase land to erect a building upon, to carry on said school in. On motion of Bro. C. Faison every church sending a student to said school is required to pay five dollars for the tuition of such scholar or student. A committee on time and place of holding the next Association was appointed as follows: John Newsom, F. P. Battle, J. W. Wilson, S. E. Jones, H. Lovitt, John Ricks, D. D. Irwin, Peter Darden, Anthony Taylor, N. H. Arrington, M. V. Johnson, F. R. Ramsay, Alfred Tillery, Ben Moody, Charles Grant. The Committee on Resolutions reported. The report was approved and the Committee was discharged. See report. The Committee on Sunday schools reported. On motion of Rev. J. B. Alston the report was received and adopted. (See report.) On motion it was agreed that the President should have the power to appoint ministers to preach the various annual sermons at the convening of the next annual Association. On motion of Rev. Hal Anderton, Rev Miland Brown was appointed as corresponding delegate to the next annual session of the Shiloh Association of Virginia. On motion of Bro. C. W. Ivey, Rev.

A. W. Ivey was appointed as Missionary to travel and solicit money for the support of the proposed High School at Weldon, N. C. The Association adjourned with prayer by Bro. C. Faison.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

President in the chair. Hymn 622 was sung. Bro. N. H. Arrington read 15 Chapt. of St. John. Rev. C. B. Gibbs offered prayer. After which the President announced that the Association was ready for the transaction of business. The minutes of the forenoon session were read and on motion of Wm. J. Harris, were approved. On motion the letter and Bethlehem Church were referred to the Ministerial Board to come up at the first meeting of the Board. The Committee on Time and Place reported. On motion the report was adopted and the committee was discharged. (See report.) On motion of Rev. W. R. Shaw the Association agreed to go into the election of officers for the ensuing Associational year, at 4 P. M. The resolution offered by Rev. A. J. Jackson was voted down or failed. On motion it was agreed that Rev. A. N. Buck should act as Moderator during the election of officers The time having arrived for the election of officers, the following brothers were elected by acclamation. Rev. W. R. Mason, President; Rev. W. H. Shaw, Vice President; Recording Secretary, Bro. A. P. Robinson; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. S. G. Newsom; Bro. Phil Garris, Treasurer; Rev. Joseph Baysmore, Auditor. The same Ministerial Board was re-elected with the exception of three brothers being dropped and the following brothers being put on in their place: Revs. G. L. Stith, J. W. Dew and Hal Anderton. On motion of Bro. A. T. Thomas, the Association agreed to have (1,500) fifteen hundred minutes printed. The Committee on Grievance reported. On motion the report was received and adopted and the committee was discharged On motion the Association adjourned with prayer by Bro. Armstead Richardson.

EVENING EXERCISES.

Rev. H. L. Barco, being assisted by the Association, sang hymn 800. Rev. Guy Powell read the 7th chapter of Jeremiah, Rev. Miland Brown offered prayer. Rev. Guy Powell preached from the 8th Chapt. of Jeremiah, 20th and 21st verses. The sermon was an excellent discourse. Rev. H. L. Barco made some very touching remarks. A collection was then taken to the amount of $22.29 which was given to Shiloh Baptist Church, Scotland Neck, and was sent by Bro. Anthony Taylor. Miss

Annie E. Hill assisted in taking the above mentioned collection, and the Association attributes much to her influence in raising the above amount. The resolution offered by Rev. A. W. Ivey was received and adopted. (See resolution.) The resolution offered by Rev. H. L. Barco was received. On motion the Association agreed to meet to-morrow morning (Friday) at 7 o'clock, A. M. The Association adjourned with benediction.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION:

Friday, Oct. 1st, 1886.

President in the chair. Rev. James Brown lined hymn 896 which was sung by the Association. Rev. H. L. Barco read the 23rd Psalm, prayer was offered by Bro. W. H. Harrison. The President announced that the Association was ready for the transaction of business. On motion the minutes of the afternoon and evening sessions were read: on motion were approved. Rev. G. H. White asked Rev. R. I. Walden's pardon for calling him "King George" in a sarcastic manner, which was granted; and Rev. R. I. Walden asked the Association's pardon for breaking off in an abrupt manner, which was also granted.

The Committee on Ordination reported as follows: There are three brothers whom we have examined, but they failed; therefore, we respectfully recommend to them and to the Association, in order that the cause of Christ may have abler defenders in the young preachers, that they pursue their course of study one year longer, at least. The report was adopted and the committee was discharged: Rev. A. B. Williams, Guy Powell, Geo. W. Nicholson, Joseph Baysmore, Sandy Fenner, J W. Dew, R. I. Walden, G. H. White, A. J. Edwards, H. L. Barco. On motion of Rev. C. B. Gibbs a committee of three was appointed, consisting of the following brethren, to appoint a Board of Trustees for the proposed High School at Weldon, N. C.; Revs. Joseph Baysmore, C. B. Gibbs and G. H. White. The following persons were appointed as Trustees of the proposed High School: Revs. W. R. Mason, Miland Brown, G. H. White, C. B. Gibbs, R. I. Walden, W. H. Shaw, Bro. Phil Garris, William Person, C. Faison, W. H. Harrison and C. W. Ivey. On motion Mount Zion Church was received into the Association free of charge for 1886. On motion, the petition of Rev. Joseph Baysmore was referred to the Ministerial Board. The President appointed the following Elders as a committee to appoint suitable ministers to preach the various annual sermons at the convening of the next Association: Revs. A. N. Buck, Miland Brown, S. F. Fenner, Joseph

Baysmore, Guy Powell. On motion, Piny Grove Church, Jackson, was admitted into the Association free of charge for 1886. On motion, Gassie Loon Church was admitted free of charge for 1886. The resolution offered by Rev. R. I Walden was received and adopted. The committee appointed by the President reported as follows: Introductory Sermon by Rev. Sandy Fenner; Alternate, Rev. Miland, Brown: Educational Sermon by Rev. H. L. Barco; Alternate, Rev. J. W. Dew; Temperance Sermon, Rev. R. I. Walden; Alternate, Rev. Simon Hicks; Missionary Sermon, Rev. Guy Powell; Alternate, Rev. W. H. Shaw. The report was adopted. Committee: Revs. A. N. Buck, Miland Brown and S. F. Fenner.

The Treasurer reported ($184.67) one hundred and eighty four dollars and sixty seven cents, $73.30 of which is a surplus of the funds received in 1885. The Treasurer's report was approved. On motion the six dollars taken up during the session of the Association, was given to Rev. A. B. Williams. After which the Association closed its Seventeenth Annual Session with prayer, singing and hand shaking.

Rev. W. R. Mason, President.

A. P. Robinson, Secretary.

REPORTS.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION.

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following: That we have examined all resolutions that have been before us, and find them useless, therefore we have nothing to report.

W. C. Coats,
G. L. Stith,
Jackson Daniel,
C. W. Ivey,
B. C. Carr.
} Committee.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Whereas, there is much need of education in the State of North Carolina among our people generally and especially among our ministers to better quality them for the work to which they are called, and whereas it is necessary that they should make some preparation by attending some school of learning or by attending some Theological Seminary, and

whereas our congregations and qualified ministers are continually being disturbed and confused by unqualified ministers, and whereas to show our disapproval of such men, and whereas in order to bring in the field better qualified ministers; Therefore.

Resolved, That we, the ministers, deacons and delegates composing the Neuse River Association do recommend to the different churches composing this Association that they do not license young men to preach until they have in a creditable way qualified themselves to preach the gospel of Christ. And be it further

Resolved, That we urge our young ladies and young men to better qualify themselves for the practical duties of life.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY DRAKE,
W. J. JOHNSON,
GENERAL DICKENS,
CHARLES GRANT,
GUY POWELL.
} Committee.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Whereas, intemperance in the use of strong drink has been and is still one of the leading evils by which Satan has bewildered and led astray so many thousands, causing them to fail in business, to depart from the path of rectitude, of virtue and morality, and finally engulfing them into an awful eternity, and whereas whiskey and all other alcoholic drink is so detrimental to the progress of men in every conceivable way, and to the church of the living God, when used as a beverage by laymen, deacons and especially the ministers of God's Gospel, by luring them away from many christian churches, whereas, the Bible says that no drunkard shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, and commands that we must not touch nor taste the unclean thing—and all intoxication is unclean. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we the ministers and delegates composing this Association will pledge ourselves to abstain from all alcoholic drinks as beverage, and that we will labor in every laudable way to have every person to do the same. And we will beseech Almighty God to give us grace and strength to enable us to keep and perform this resolution.

Humbly submitted,

R. I. WALDEN,
A. N. BUCK,
G. W. NICHOLS,
JOS. BAYSMORE,
H. L. BARCO.
} Committee.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following thoughts and facts: We, as Baptists, attach too little importance to this grand work which God has instituted through man for the advancement of His kingdom on earth. Knowing that we shall soon be called to cross the River of Death, we should ever be vigilant and active in preparing our children in this religious institution to take our places. We find from last year's report that there were 57 schools, 2,155 scholars, 1,462 Bible readers and 248 teachers. And from this year's report you will see that there are 3,256 Sunday school scholars, 1,178 Bible readers, 217 teachers, which shows an increase of 1,101 in Sunday school scholars; a loss of 284 Bible readers, 31 teachers and 5 schools. How to account for this increase of Sunday school scholars, and loss in Bible readers, teachers and schools, we are at a loss. At any rate, we have teachers enough, nearly one to every 16 scholars. Now the first element of success in the Sunday school work—1st, is the power of God's word; second, regular and liberal contribution; third and the greatest of all to us is the conversion of souls. Therefore we recommend, first, that where it is possible that each church composing this Association and having a Sunday school connected with it, have none but the very best qualified, both spiritually and intellectually, to teach in its Sunday school; second, that as Baptists, we recommend that our Sunday schools patronize the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa., 1420 Chestnut street.

All of which we respectfully submit,

H. G. Foster,
J. H. Brewer,
S. L. Barnes,
Robert Whitaker,
Esau Tillery,
O. B. Alston,
} Committee.

COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows:

We met and there were no complaints of grief that came before us at all.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Dew,
M. Brown,
Peter Branch,
M. W. Williams,
William Johnson,
Geo. W. Nicholson.
} Committee.

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION FEE.*

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows:

Churches that have a membership of 800 to 1,000, and over, shall pay $10.00; Churches numbering from 500 to 700 shall pay $7.00; Churches numbering from 300 to 500 shall pay $5.00; Churches numbering less than 300 shall pay $2.00.

Rev. G. H. White,
" W. R. Mason,
" Jos. Baysmore,
" A. N. Buck,
" W. R. Shaw.
} Committee.

COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND FINANCE.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that there are 61 churches represented, paying in $111 37. The amount due the Association is $44.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Harrison,
Edward Gray,
Simon Hicks,
William Person,
C. Faison,
Phil Garris,
} Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amount on hand from 1885,		$ 73 30
Oct. 1st, 1886.	Received from the Committee on Finance,	111 37
Oct. 1st, 1886.	Amount on hand, sum total,	$184 67

DISBURSEMENTS.

Oct. 1st, 1886.	Paid President,	$10 00
" " "	Paid Vice President,	5 00
" " "	Paid Recording Secretary,	13 00
" " "	Paid Corresponding Secretary,	7 50
	Total amount expended,	$35 50

PHIL GARRIS,
Treasurer.

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* The above report was adopted in 1881.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following:

That this Association, (the Neuse River) will hold its next annual session in Roanoke Salem Church at Garysburg, N. C., Tuesday after the fourth Lord's day in September A. D , 1887.

Respectfully submitted,

John Newsom, F. P. Battle. J. W. Wilson, S. E. Jones, H. Lovitt. John Ricks, D. D. Irwin, Anthony Taylor, Peter Darden, N. H. Arrington, M. V. Johnson, S. R. Ramsay, Alfred Tillery, Ben. J. Moody, Charles Grant.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, there is so much confusion in regards to new churches which go out of old ones contrary to good order, therefore be it

Resolved, That after this sitting of this Association, that we will not recognize any new church to be in good standing which does not, before it leaves the mother church, if they are in trouble, call for an advisory council from this Association, who shall look into the matter prior to their organization.

R. I. WALDEN.

Whereas, God says, "Owe no man." And we Ministers should teach our church members to pay their just debts. Therefore

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches to report no member or members to this Association who are twelve months behind in his, her or their church dues, unless it be a member or members who are not able to pay, and that such member or members be considered in bad standing.

H. L. BARCO.

Whereas, there are persons in Virginia claiming to be ministers of North Carolina, whose names cannot be found in any of the minutes of this or any other Association of this State, and whereas there are persons in North Carolina claiming to be ministers of Virginia whose names cannot be found in any of the Associational minutes of that State. Therefore,

Resolved, that we, as ministers, deacons and delegates composing this Association will do our best to detect such un-

principled persons, and that we will send Corresponding Delegates to the different Associations of the above mentioned States for reasons that have been already specified.

GUY POWELL.

Whereas, there is so much deficiency on the part of new churches in regard to self support; therefore this Association recommend that no new church be organized within four miles of each other, that is, another Baptist Church, or with less than thirty members.

R. I. WALDEN.

Whereas, the Constitution of this Association says that the members of it shall be ministers and delegates sent from churches belonging to this association. Be it

Resolved, that we do not allow no ordained minister or licentiate minister's name to appear in our minutes who does not meet the Association in person or by letter at its Annual sitting.

H. L. BARCO.

Whereas there is such a project in the State of North Carolina known as the Orphan's Asylum, and its organ is the *Orphans Advocate*, therefore be it

Resolved, that this Association indorse the said enterprise and recommend that our brethren subscribe to that paper.

R. I. WALDEN.

Whereas, the citizens of Goldsboro have so generously taken care of this Association during its sitting, therefore

Resolved, that we do hereby tender a vote of thanks to them for their hospitality.

A. W. IVEY.

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*Whereas the preaching of the gospel is a most responsible charge, the success of which depends upon an extensive knowledge of the word of God, and whereas, we believe when God calls a person to bear His message to the world, that He also makes that person willing to prepare himself for that important calling, and whereas, we believe that a

*Adopted in 1884.

willingness to study on the part of the person claiming to be called, is evidence of the fact that he has been called therefore

Resolved, that all applicants for ordination shall be examined on the following branches of study: Reading, Spelling, Writing, Geography, History both sacred and profane, Theology, Church Discipline (Hiscox) and the Bible.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. Faison,
W. J. Johnson,
O. B. Alston,
H. L. Solomon,
T. W. McDaniel. } Committee.

Constitution of the Neuse River Missionary Baptist Association.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Neuse River Missionary Baptist Association; and shall have a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Auditor, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, who shall be elected by this Association annually.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of pastors and messengers sent from churches belonging to this Association, all ordained ministers and licentiates who are members of said churches composing this Association shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 3. Letters received by this Association from the different churches shall express the total number of members in fellowship, those baptized, those received by letter, those dismissed by letter, those excommunicated, those deceased, and the number of Sabbath School scholars since last session.

Art. 4. The members chosen to discharge these duties shall have no power over God's heritage, nor shall they have ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any internal rights of any church of this Association. And no church shall intrude on the dignity and power of the pastor while in the faithful performance of his pastoral duties, and no pastor of a Baptist Church shall be discharged except by a majority vote of the members, and not then until his salary as agreed upon by the church has been paid. And any minister or ministers who shall be known to interfere with another minister's church thereby causing a disturbance between the pastor and members, shall be dealt with by the Ministerial Board as it thinks proper. And it shall be the duty of all pastors and deacons of churches composing this Association to defend and maintain the Constitution of the same.

Art. 5. Churches desiring to become members of this Association shall petition by letter or messenger, and upon examination if found in order, it shall be the duty of the Mod-

erator to give the right hand of fellowship to the messenger and welcome the church into the Association.

ART. 6. Every church in this Association shall be entitled to representation in the Association, and shall send from one to two messengers, and shall send funds to the Association according to the rules laid down in the Minutes. No church, however, shall send more than two messengers.

ART. 7. Every motion made and seconded shall be left to the discretion of the Association whether it shall be debated or not.

ART. 8. This Association shall furnish churches with the minutes of this Association. The method of furnishing the minutes shall be to the Association.

ART. 9. We believe it necessary to have an Association fund to pay the expenses of the Association, theretore each Church belonging to this Association is required to pay the amount which shall be designated by the Association at its sessions.

ART. 10. The minutes of the previous session shall be read and corrected if necessary. The Association shall have power to inquire the reason why churches do not at any time of its sitting represent themselves in the Association.

ART. 11. This Association shall have power to withdraw from any church which may violate the rules of this body.

ART. 12. This Association shall ordain no person to preach the gospel who does not possess the qualification laid down in the Scriptures by St. Paul, and who cannot read understandingly and write legibly. The churches are required to adopt the same rule in licensing its applicants.

ART. 13. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any further time and place thought most convenient to the churches.

ART. 14. This Association shall appoint a Ministerial Board, consisting of nine or twelve members subject to the call of the President of the Association, with the Secretary of the Association as Secretary of the Board.

ART. 15. This Constitution is subject to alteration by a two third majority vote of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Not more than one person shall speak at once, who shall rise and address the Moderator by the word "brother."

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted until he is through, unless he is out of order.

4. The person speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, but shall fairly state the case so as to give his ideas.

5. No brother shall abruptly break off or absent himself without obtaining liberty from the Association.

6. No brother shall speak twice on the same subject without obtaining liberty from the Association.

7. No brother shall be at liberty to whisper during the time a brother is speaking.

8. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit his speaking until he gives his ideas on the subject, unless he violates the rules of the Association.

9. The names of the several members shall be enrolled by the Secretary, and called as often as the Association may require it.

10. The Moderator may give his ideas on any subject before putting it to the vote, but is not entitled to vote except in case of a tie.

11. Any member who shall knowingly break or violate any of these rules shall be reproved by the body as they may think best.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Reading Constitution and Rules of Order.
3. Enrolling the names of messengers.
4. Appointment of committees, to wit: on hours of meeting and adjourning; committee on finance; committee on resolutions; committee on temperance; committee on grievances; committee on Sunday Schools and education.
5. Report of Recording Secretary.
6. Report of Treasurer.
7. Report of Ministerial Board.
8. Appointment of committee on time and place.
9. Reports of the various committees.
10. Election of officers.
11. Discussion of various topics relative to church work.

Questions Adopted in 1880 to be Answered by Applicants for License to Preach.

1. What is the grace of God.
2. How do you know you are called to preach?
3. What is the gospel?
4. What is repentance?
5. What is salvation?
6. What is preaching the gospel?
7. What is faith in the Lord?

8. What is the law of God?
9. How do the Scriptures describe God?
10. God is what?
11. What is a gospel church?
12. How is the Baptist church governed?

Minutes of the 1st. Meeting of the Ministerial Board, after the Convening of the Association—1886.

Roanoke Chapel, Northampton County, November 17th, 1887,

The Board met at 12 M. Devotional service was conducted by Revs. G. H. White and Geo. W. Nicholson. The following members of the Board were present; Revs. Joseph Baysmore, Miland Brown, G. H. White, W. R. Shaw, Geo. W. Nicholson, Hal Anderton and the Secretary, A. P. Robinson. The President and Vice-President being absent, Rev. Joseph Baysmore was chosen President protem. On taking the chair, he stated that the Board was ready for the transaction of business. Accordingly the following churches owing the Association settled with the Ministerial Board: Cool Spring $1 60; White Oak Chapel, Ringwood $2.00; St. John, Nash $2.00; Pleasant Hill $2.00; Crowell's X Roads $5.00; Mt. Zion, Macon $2.00; Parker's Chapel $2.00; Branche's Chapel $2.00, and the right hand of fellowship was given the delegates; Olive Branch $2.00; Antioch $1.50 and due 50 cts., Roanoke Chapel $2.00. On motion, the letter read before the Board asking for money from the Church situate in Fork township between the Neuse and Little Rivers in Wayne County was tabled. On motion, the following resolution was adopted.

Whereas, the amount of money on hand is not enough to carry out the orders of the Association in full, therefore

Resolved, that we, as the Ministerial Board, complying as nearly as means will allow with the orders of the Association, do order that one thousand minutes be printed instead of fifteen hundred, as ordered by the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

S. HICKS.

On motion, the Board ordered the Secretary to write to the churches owing representation fee, and to the persons who borrowed money from the Association, and earnestly request them to settle on or before the 25th day of December, 1886. On motion, it was agreed that Oak Grove Church will not be considered in good standing until it returns sister Louisa Smith to Cool Spring Church.

The Board adjourned with hymn and prayer.

Rev. JOSEPH BAYSMORE,
Prest. pro tem.

A. P. ROBINSON, Sec'y.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	PASTORS.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Extension.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Let'r	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excom'cated.	Deceased.	Male Members.	Female Members.	Total Membership.	Amount sent to Association	Amount Due Association.	Value of Ch. Property.	No. of S. S. Scholars.	No. of Bible Readers.	No. S. S. Teachers.	State Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Amount Paid Pastors since last Association 1855.	Sabbaths of Worship.
noke Salem	W. H. Haithcock	Garysburg, N. C.	A. Shepard,	$170	18	62	6	17	6	11	8	379	595	974	$10 00		$2000	100	65	6	2 15	$ 30		4th.
Baptist, Gaston	E. W. Edwards	Dogwood, "	A. N. Buck,	150				3	14	3	10	291	363	654	7 00		1000	100	30	5				3rd.
not Baptist	Fred McGuire	Toisnot, "	H. L. Barco,	100	450	13		4	1	7		20	36	56	2 00		1300	20	5	2				2nd.
nlehem	W. C Coats	Seaboard, "	R. I. Walden,	100	50	13		6		25	2	81	122	203	2 00		1550	70	30	4				4th.
Peters	Green Smith	Weldon, "	G. A. Norwood,	75			1			2		16	25	41	2 00		800	25	15	4				1st and 3rd.
salem	Jennie Cofield	Whitakers, "	S. Hicks,	75	62	7	2	16		6	5	47	76	123	2 00		600	40	25	3	7 00	2 00		4th.
ph	Lewis Miller	Scotland Neck, "				3					1	30	60	90	2 00		1000	45	20	2				4th.
ning Star	Henry Bryant	Battleboro, "	C. B. Gibbs,	65		6	2	6		7	4	52	75	127	2 00		500	30	16	3				3rd.
ley Chapel	Robert Hill	Red Oak, "	N. A. Arrington,	25				7	2	7		10	13	23	1 00	1 00	25							4th.
Hope	E. E. Gray	Kingsboro, "	G. H. White,	125	16	22		7	1	5	3	55	93	148	2 00		700	75	20	4				1st.
iel's Chapel	J. A. Pittman	Enfield, "				11	2	6	2	7	6	80	129	209	2 00		500	40	20	4				3rd.
Baptist, Rocky Mount,	A. J. Briant	Rocky Mount, "	G. L. Stith,	160		24	1	6		19				73	2 00		1200	93	14	12	3 00			3rd.
lee	O. Edman	Tillery, "	M. Brown,	50		2	1		1	12	4	48	59	107	2 00		600	60	15	2	1 00			1st.
man's Grove	Thomas Boddie	Battleboro, "	G. H. White,	75	10	6	1					4	7	11	2 00			34		2				4th.
son Hill	J. Bess	Goldsboro, "	Charles Smith,	20	75							4	7	11	2 00		250	45	15	6				2nd and 4th
Hill	J. C. Alston	Panacea Springs, "	W. H. Shaw,	100		9		1	2	4	5			427	5 00		300	100	40	5				
Bethel	Bray Whitaker	Enfield, "	W. R. Shaw,	78				1		4	2	58	92	150	2 00		800	50	30	5	9 10			2nd.
Spring	R. A. Moore	Garysburg, "	Guy Powell,	150		7		12		38	5	134	146	180	1 40	60	700	40	30	3				2nd.
Hope	A. Weldon	Battleboro, "	Henry Drake,	60		4	2			10	2	31	70	101	2 00		200	65	20	3				1st.
ery's Chapel	H. Tillery	Tillerys, "	M. Brown,	72		7	2	1				92	83	175	2 00		60	25	2					3rd.
nlehem	George Hinton	Tarboro, "	Hal Anderton,	60	300	25		5		5		57	95	152	2 00		500	30	18	4				3rd.
Grove	S. B. Boon	Garysburg, "	W. R. Shaw,	36 75	125	14						26	30	56	2 00		425	40	12	2				1st.
Paul	Wiley Baker	Enfield, "	M. Brown,	23 50	20			2			1	64	106	170	2 00		600	125	20	6				4 h.
nes' Chapel	Gaston Cobb	Goldsboro, "	*Major* Whitley,	10		6				2		7	7	14	2 00		200	20	10	3				4th.
ey Grove	S. R. Ramsay	Jackson, "	H. Peebles,	75	90	6		6		7	6	180	230	410	3 00	2 00	500	80	15	2				3rd.
ker's Chapel	J. H. Whitehead	Weldon, "	W. H. Shaw,	125		27		21		21	5	178	292	470		5 00	850	50	27	4				4th.
Baptist, Goldsboro	D. D. Irwin	Goldsboro, "	A. B. Williams,	180		26	3	4	1	6	4	100	237	337	5 00		2500	107	50	12		$10.	$10.	Every.
ar Grove	W. F. Flemmings	New Berne, "	A. J. Edwards,	300		10		3	2	5	2				3 00	2 00	500	75	30	7		6.	5.	Every.
ames		Rocky Mount, "	B. K. Sykes,	50							1	5	10	15		50 1 50	150							1st.
Baptist, Halifax	A. P. Robinson	Halifax, "	A. N. Buck,	200	100	35		9	1	9	5	284	385	669	7 00		2000	62	15	5				1st.
Luke	Julius Knight	Tarboro, "	W. H. Wiggans,	30		8	1	1				17	18	35	2 00			75	26	5				4th.
rson Grove	J. E. Wiggs	Fremont, "	B. P. Peterson,	30		14	1					9	9	18	2 00		30	35	15	3				2nd & 4th.
le Zion	J. W. Dempsey	Halifax, "	T. D. Daniel,	50			2	1	1	3	2	37	55	92	2 00		150	72	20	4				4th.
m Chapel	Keptaway	Tarboro, "	J. E. Lewis,	20		2						7	7	14	1 00	1 00	20	35	17	4				2nd.
Hill	Robert Pittman	Whitakers, "				5		5							2 00		500	58	18	4				2nd.
Mark	Ogens Barnes	Old Sparta, "	H. G. Foster,	20		1	1			9	2	107	127	234	2 00		200							1st.
Baptist, Weldon	C. Matthewson	Weldon, "	A. W. Ivey,	150		36	3	8	2	7	4	143	416	559	4 00	3 00	700	120	50	7			16	2nd & 4th.
nt Zion	Richard Ivey	Margarettsville, "	R. I. Walden,	140		9		10			4			375	3 00	2 00	1500	65		3				2nd.
Hill	B. L. Stansel	"	James Brown,	15		6						12	8	20		60 1 40	150	17	8	2				1st.
Swamp	H. L. Solomon	Brinkleyville, "	A. W. Ivey,	65	100	14	1	2	2	3	1	54	68	122		2 00	700	48	24	3				3rd.
Grove	S. T. Barnes	Goldsboro, "	J. W. Dew,	60	15	1		2	2		1	17	25	42	2 00		150	35	16	4		8 65	2	2nd.
tephen	M. G. Pittman	Tarboro, "	W. R. *Mason*,	135		12				9	2	44	119	163	2 00		1000	150		9				3rd & 4th.
y Grove	G. W. Nicholson	Joyceville, Va.	G. W. Nicholson,	30		8	3			4	1	18	30	48	2 00		30	58	17	3				3rd.
Shiloh	N. H. Mann	Whitakers, N. C.	G. A. Norwood,	120		3	1	4		4	1	70	64	134	1 00	1 00	500	65	20	3				2nd.
ar Creek	C. Clark	Dawson's X Roads, "	D. Washington,	100	200	4	1	4		1		53	52	105	2 00		500	50	15	4				3rd.
light Chapel	A. Egerton	Weldon, "	S. Hicks.	50		30						20	14	34	2 00			75	30	3				3rd.
t's Chapel	Reden Joyner	Kingsboro, "	Oren Pittman,	35						4	2	10	19	29	2 00		65	50	12	6				3rd.
noke Chapel	C. Faison	Garysburg, "	M. Brown.	75	18	16		7		10	5	145	140	285	2 00		1500	60	20	5				2nd.
ngfield	A. J. Alston	Aurelian Springs, "	A. *W.* Ivey,	65	125	1		9		2		66	89	155		2 00	515	60	40	2				1st.
Baptist, Crowell's X R'ds	P. E. Thornton	Enfield, "	S. F. Fenner,	150	6	1		15			8	126	186	312	5 00		800	100	160	8				2nd & 4th.
k's Grove	J. H. Powell	Pikeville, "	J. W. Dew,	120	25	35		2	1	10		68	87	155	2 00		120	40	15	4			2 05	1st & 3rd.
lan Hill	B. J. Jones	Greenback, "	G. W. Nicholson,	75		15	14	6	1	5	3	80	111	191	1 50	50	375	75	35	6				4th.
nt Zion	A. M. Somerville	Macon, "	"	75	50	17		15	1	8	7	92	134	226		2 00	375	41	16	3				2nd.
nezer	S. G. Alston	Tarboro, "	S. G. Alston,			1	5	2		2	1	6	10	16		2 00	100							2nd.
donia	D. A. G. Brocket	Tillery, "	H. Peebles,	54		3					5	40	60	100	2 00		100	50	20	2			50	2nd.
nt Lebanon	John S. Alston	Halifax, "	Joseph Baysmore,	50		4					1	32	24	56	2 00									
ar Grove	H. T. Mewing		J. T. Taylor,	100	25	18				8	6	64	122	186	2 00		200	36	13	4				4th.
John	W. S. Jones	St. Elma, "	J. B. Alston,	70	10	20	4	6		8	2	57	109	166	2 00		167	75	25	2				3rd.
ite Oak	I. H. Nicholson	Ringwood, "	"	100		4		3	1	6	2	97	127	224	2 00		100	30	14	4				2nd.
asant Hill	B. B. Steptoe	Scotland Neck, "	Sandy Fenner,												2 00									
nche's Chapel	A. R. Jacobs	Rich Square, "	A. Boone,												2 00									
ioch	B. Williams	Jackson, "	H. Peebles,									53	65	118	2 00			60	30	4				4th.
ve Branch	Randal Barnes	Garysburg, "	Boston Devereux,			1				8		4	9	13	2 00		1600	30	5	1				3rd.
ker's Chapel	G. Johnson	Jackson, "	H. Peebles,	150								45	68	113	2 00			25	15					